PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

LPG Agency in Kangra District, H.P.

116. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 57 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1999 and state whether in the District Kangra LPG distributorship at Nagrota, Lambagaon, Pragpur and Ranital have started functioning, if so, from which date in each case and if not, the reason for delay and by which time these will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): LPG distributorship at Nagrota Surian and at Ranital have been commissioned on 31.8.1999 and 25.1.2000 respectively. Interviews for the LPG distributorships at Lambgaon and Pragpur have not yet been conducted by the Dealer Selection Board. Dealer Selection Boards have since been dissolved.

Engaging the Services of Private Placement Companies in EIL

117. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Engineers India Limited (EIL) have engaged the services of private placement companies for obtaining services of contract employees;

(b) if so, how many employees have been recruited through these private placement agencies with the names of such companies; and

(c) whether some of the contract employees taken from these private companies have been regularised and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF